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S.B. No. 1814

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishment of a child-care facility database on the Department of Family and Protective Services' Internet website.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 42.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.025. SEARCHABLE CHILD-CARE FACILITY DATABASE. (a) The department shall establish on the department's Internet website a searchable database that allows an individual who is seeking child-care facility information to obtain information on the child-care facilities and residential child-care facilities licensed under this chapter and the family homes registered under this chapter. To assist the individual in making an informed decision when selecting child care, the database must allow searches to be made by a facility's or home's name, operation type, and location and by the ages of children served at the facility or home.

(b) For each child-care facility and residential child-care facility licensed under this chapter and each family home registered under this chapter, the database must include:

(1) summary information for at least the five preceding years, if available, on:

(A) the facility's or home's compliance with minimum standards required under this chapter and department rule;

1 (B) department inspection results for the
2 facility or home; and

3 (C) disciplinary actions imposed on the facility
4 or home, including corrective or adverse actions, temporary
5 closures, conditions on license or registration, or suspension or
6 revocation of license or registration; and

7 (2) for a facility or home that previously had a
8 license or registration suspended or revoked under this chapter, a
9 permanent notation indicating the suspension or revocation and the
10 year in which suspension or revocation was imposed.

11 (c) The executive commissioner may adopt rules as necessary
12 to implement this section.

13 SECTION 2. Not later than September 30, 2015, the
14 Department of Family and Protective Services shall establish the
15 database on its Internet website as required by Section 42.025,
16 Human Resources Code, as added by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.